# 2008 QAP WORKSHOP and MARKETPLACE

March 11, 2008



### **Application Deadlines**

Family, Senior & Supportive Housing Cycles

Due: April 28th HIGH NOON!

Awards: June/July 2008

■ Final Cycle

Due: August 25<sup>th</sup>

Awards: October 2008

Hardship Applications

Due: July 15<sup>th</sup>



Cycles,
Funding Amounts,
and
Set-Asides



# Minimum Bedroom Distributions

- Family and Final Cycle projects only
- For non-age restricted projects:
  - 0-1BR < 20% of tax credit units
  - 2BR > 30% of tax credit units
  - 3BR > 20% of tax credit units
- Exceptions: market demographics and/or financial feasibility



### Family Cycle

- \$7,000,000 Available
- Maximum annual allocation = \$2 mil



#### Family Cycle (cont.)

- 5 set-asides:
  - Preservation = 1 project
  - Affordability = 1 project
    - 10% Units @ 35% AMI
  - HOPE VI/Replacement Housing = 1 project
  - Qualified Nonprofit = 1 project
    - Community Based
  - Mixed income = 1 project



#### Preservation Set-Aside

At Risk of losing its affordability controls or

At risk of losing its level of affordability

- Rents at or near existing levels
- Applicable fraction based on existing tenants AND market analysis
- Max. acq. developer fee = 8% of acquisition amount
- Non-deferred portion = 4%
- Scattered site w/ over-income residents must provide relocation plan



#### Senior Cycle

- \$3,000,000 Available
- Maximum annual allocation = \$1.5 mil
- Minimum of 85% must be one-bedroom
- 3 set-asides:
  - Preservation = 1 project
  - Affordability = 1 project
  - HOPE VI/Replacement Housing = 1 project



- \$2,000,000 Available
- Maximum annual allocation = \$900k
- No Set-Asides



- > 10 units or 25% of total units
- Minimum of three services
- Social service coordinator 20 hrs/week
- Social Service Plan



### Final Cycle

- Balance of credits
- Maximum annual allocation = \$2 mil
- 2 (or 3) set-asides:
  - Nonprofit (if necessary)
  - HOPE VI/Replacement Housing = 1 project
  - Preservation = 1 project



#### Geographic Distribution

- No more than 3 projects per year per municipality; and
- No more than 2 projects per cycle from the same municipality



#### Minimum Rehab Project

Construction costs totaling less than \$25,000 per unit.

Supportive Housing and Final Cycles only



# ELIGIBITY REQUIREMENTS and FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS



#### **Project Narrative & Market Study**

- Submit narrative
- Market Study date
  - Less than 6 Months old
- Analyst contacted directly
  - HMFA review analyst will contact your analyst directly
- Analyst response
  - 5 days to respond, failure to respond could jeopardize project
- Copies/Pictures
  - 2 Copies of market study, 1 bound separately



- Site control
  - Deed/Lease/Option
    - Provide current owner's recorded deed
    - If using combination of methods, provide all linking documents
  - Eminent Domain
    - Provide all written offers
    - Declaration of taking due w/i 3 months of award
  - Lot and Block on Deeds
    - Make sure all lot and blocks match up correctly
- Preliminary Site Plan Approval
  - If approval is close to deadline, letter from planning board or minutes of meeting are okay



- Environmentals
  - Phase I: non-submission ≠ hardship credits
- Funding Commitments
  - Developer Fee Pledge
    - Fee pledge > 50% only allowed on an interim basis
  - Maximum Developer Fee
    - 15%, 8% non-deferred
- Energy Star
  - Letter of Intent for all projects
  - Partnership Agreement if applicable
- Tax Credit Certification Course



Staff who reviews resident applications must be certified



- Acquisition Credits
  - Appraisal
    - Less than 6 months old
  - Attorney Opinion Letter
    - Should state specific requirements are met under Internal Revenue Code
  - Purchase Price vs. Appraisal Price
    - Underwrite using lesser of purchase or appraisal price
- Step In Shoes
  - Audited by Independent C.P.A
- USDA Rural Development
  - Provide commitment letter from State Director



- Rental Assistance
  - Federal
    - Commitment letter or fully executed contract
  - State see slide #39
- Supportive Housing Projects
- Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan
  - 25 units or more
- Hope VI/Replacement Housing Set-Asides
  - Commitment letter
  - Attorney opinion letter
  - Residual value analysis



#### Feasibility - Operating Budget Guidelines

- Income/Expense/Vacancy Trending
  - 2% Income/3% Expenses/7% Vacancy
- Debt Coverage Ratio
  - 1.15-1.20, obtain maximum supportable mortgage
- Replacement Reserves
- Core Operating Expense Guidelines
- Operating Comparables
  - Provide 2 Operating Comps or signed Form-10 from Property Management Division



#### Feasibility - Capital Budget Guidelines

- Minimum Equity Factor
  - .78¢ currently, subject to market conditions
- New Eligible Basis Limits
  - 7% increase
- Tax Credit Percentage
  - 70% Present Value Credit 8.10%
  - 30% Present Value Credit 3.50%
- Signature Pages
  - Signed Form 10 acceptable



#### Department of Community Affairs

Paul Dice,

Acting Director of Division of Housing

Balanced Housing Funds



# POINT SYSTEM and and RANKING CRITERIA



# FAMILY CYCLE



- Extended Use
  - 45 yr affordability period (15)
  - Conversion to ownership (10)
  - Qualified Census Tract (15)
    - evidence for all sites
- PHA Waiting List (1)
  - Adjacent PHA is acceptable

- Project Type
  - 30% Large Family Units ≤ 4 stories (7)
  - Rehab >4 stories (3)
- Local Support
  - Tax abatement (5)
    - 15 years fixed
    - Cite proper statute
  - 2 yr tax escrow + local support (2-4)
    - Municipal confirmation of assessment

- Social services (3)
  - Executed agreements
- MBE/WBE (4)
  - 15% of total construction cost
- Unit amenities (3)
- Project amenities (2)
- Community policing/public safety (2)

- Ready to Grow (5)
  - Smart growth
    - Smart growth locator printout
  - Water/sewer capacity AND
    - Redevelopment area, Identified/Proposed,
       Center, Plan Endorsement, existing footprint

### Ready To Grow (continued)

- COAH/Court/Transit Village (+5)
  - Resolution of Intent
  - Density Bonus Letter
    - Form letter from city planner endorsed by city council
- QCT w/CRP (+2)
  - Redevelopment Plan, Neighborhood
     Revitalization, HOPE VI or 8 CRP criteria

- Site Selection (2)
  - Negative uses -1 mile
  - Positive uses 1/2 mile
  - Verified in market study
- Equity Commitment Letter (1)

- Negative Points
  - Foreclosure, noncompliance, credit return

- Green (1)
  - Green Future, LEED, Solar
  - Letter of Intent
- Brownfields, Historic, Adaptive Reuse (2)
  - 40% of units on Brownfields site
  - Historic Tax Credit (+1)
- Cure period (-2)

#### SENIOR CYCLE



#### Points – Senior Cycle

Same as Family EXCEPT:

Ready to Grow points are reversed

 20% frail elderly replaces large family units (1)

Pamela McCrory, Director of Supported Housing & Special Needs

Same as Family/Final Cycle Points

- 1. Social Services Plan
- (i) Target population & Services (up to 4 pts)
  - (ii) 24 hr/7 Services, or Financial Education, or Health Care Services (2 pts)



Social Services Plan, cont.

(iii) Social service provider track record (1 pt)

(iv) Outcome measure & Evaluation methodology (1 pt)

(v) Bi-lingual services, Cultural competency, Special Needs accommodations (1 pt)

(vi) Tenant directed services, Consumer choice (1 pt)



- 2. On/Off-Site education and/or Job training. (up to 2 pts)
- 3. 3 community partnerships to community resources (1 pt)
  - 4. Lease-based permanent Supportive Housing (2 pts)



- 5. Rental assistance commitments (2 pts)
- 6. Qualified nonprofit organization (2 pts)
- 7. Integrated community living (2 pts)



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Project Based State Rental Assistance For Supportive Housing Cycle

- 40 vouchers available
- Maximum 10 vouchers per project
- Apply through DCA RFP or HMFA Special Needs Division



#### Final Cycle Points

Same as Family Cycle

#### Other Requirements . . .

- Tiebreaker
  - Least amount of Balanced Housing/Home
     Express per unit

- Minimum Point Requirement
  - 65% of maximum score

#### Before You Submit . . .

- HMFA Financing
  - Michael Staton, 609-278-7520
  - John Murray, 609-278-7518
- CRP Review/Ready to Grow Questions
  - Maura Fennessy, 609-278-8803
- Pre-Application Meetings
  - Donna Denti, 609-278-8818

#### After The Award . . .

- Carryover & Allocation Fee
  - November 30
  - Tax Clearance Certificate

- 10% test
  - 3 months from carryover

#### After The Award . . .

Compliance Meeting

- **8609** 
  - 90 days after PIS
  - Mitas User Agreement

## THANK YOU!!!

Questions?

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